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RECORDING DISK DEVICE)
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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In response to the restriction requirement mailed September 8, 2000, Applicants provisionally elect Group I (Claims 1-12), with traverse. The grounds for traversal are set forth below in the Remarks.

REMARKS

The following two Groups were identified by the Examiner as distinct inventions: (I) Claims 1-12, drawn to a magnetic recording medium, classified in class 428, subclass 694+; and (II) Claims 13-15, drawn to a magnetic recording disk device, classified